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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT:SUGGESTED KUWAITI AIR FORCE EXERCISES WITH
MIDEASTFOR DESTROYER

REF: KUWAIT 3441

1. DEPT IS CONSIDERING ADM. BIGLEY'S SUGGESTION. BEFORE
PROCEEDING FURTHER WITH OUR CONSIDERATION OF PROS AND CONS
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE (A) EMBASSY KUWAIT'S VIEW AS TO
WHETHER OR NOT, IF EXERCISE WERE TO TAKE PLACE, GOK WOULD
PREFER TO TREAT IT AS CONFIDENTIAL, AND IF SO, THE PROBA-
BILITY OF LEAKS; (B) MORE DETAILS REGARDING NATURE OF PRO-
POSED EXERCISE, I.E., THE TIMING, NUMBER OF KAF PERSONNEL
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WHO WOULD EMBARK ON DESTROYER, NUMBER OF KAF PLANES INVOLVED

PRECISE LOCALE OF EXERCISE, ETC., (THERE IS ALSO SOME CONCERN ABOUT-DEGREE OF DISCLOSURE OF US ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT OR US MILITARY OPERATING PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN AN EXERCISE.), AND (C) IN LIGHT OF FURTHER INFO PER (A) AND (B), EMBASSY JIDDA AND TEHRAN JUDGMENTS AS TO LIKELY REACTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT, SHOULD EXERCISE OCCUR.

2. AFTER RECEIPT OF INFO REQUESTED ABOVE, WE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER LOW KEY APPROACH BY USLOK CHIEF SHOULD BE MADE. IN ANY EVENT, NO APPROACH TO KUWAITIS WOULD BE AUTHORIZED BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT TRIP. MAW

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